

## Lemon Bay High School Cheating and Plagiarism Contract (\*)

Cheating and plagiarism can be defined as submitting another person's ideas, words, images or data without giving that person credit or proper acknowledgement. Plagiarism, a form of academic dishonesty, is equal to theft of intellectual property (stealing) and is taken very seriously at Lemon Bay High School.

- 1) I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that cheating and plagiarism are equivalent to theft and fraud.
  
- 2) I have been educated about the meaning of plagiarism and understand the terms "direct quotation," "paraphrase," "summarize," "source acknowledgment," "attribution," and "Works Cited."
  
- 3) I know that copying words from print or **internet sources** without crediting the source constitutes plagiarism.
  
- 4) I have learned ways to avoid plagiarism by always acknowledging the source of any **borrowed** passage, sentence, image, or key idea that I use in my own writing. I will put language copied from **any** source (including electronic sources) into quotation marks and acknowledge the author. If I paraphrase or summarize published language, I will give credit to the author, even if I change the words.
  
- 5) I will never present someone else's work as my own, nor will I provide work for someone else.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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